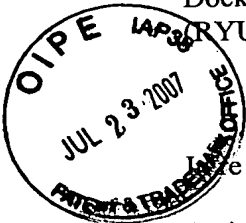


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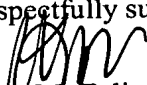
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2007. An Amendment responsive to the outstanding Office Action is being filed simultaneously herewith. A check for the extension fee in the amount of \$120.00 is attached. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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